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ULTIMATE BLACK PANTHER

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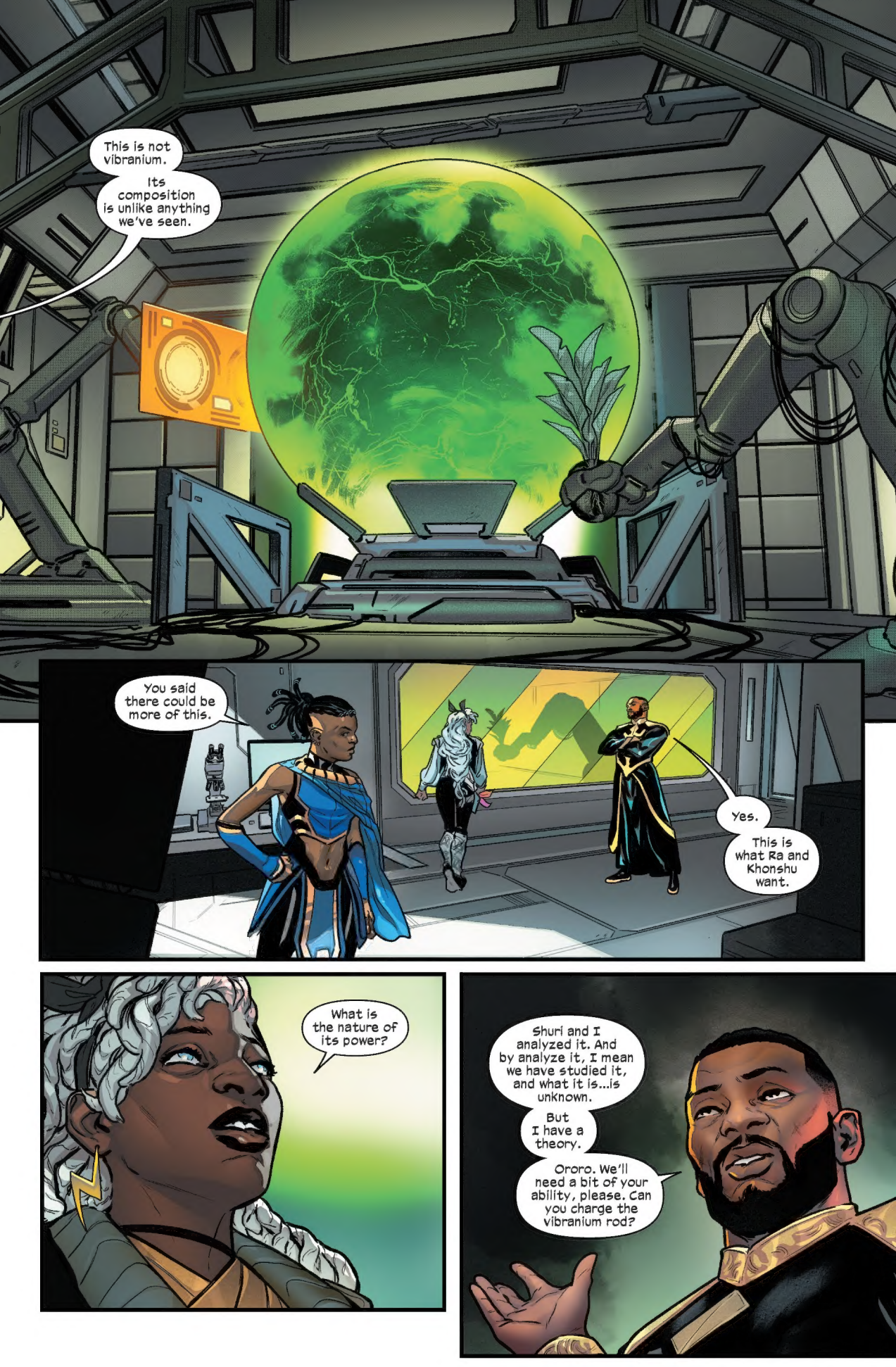
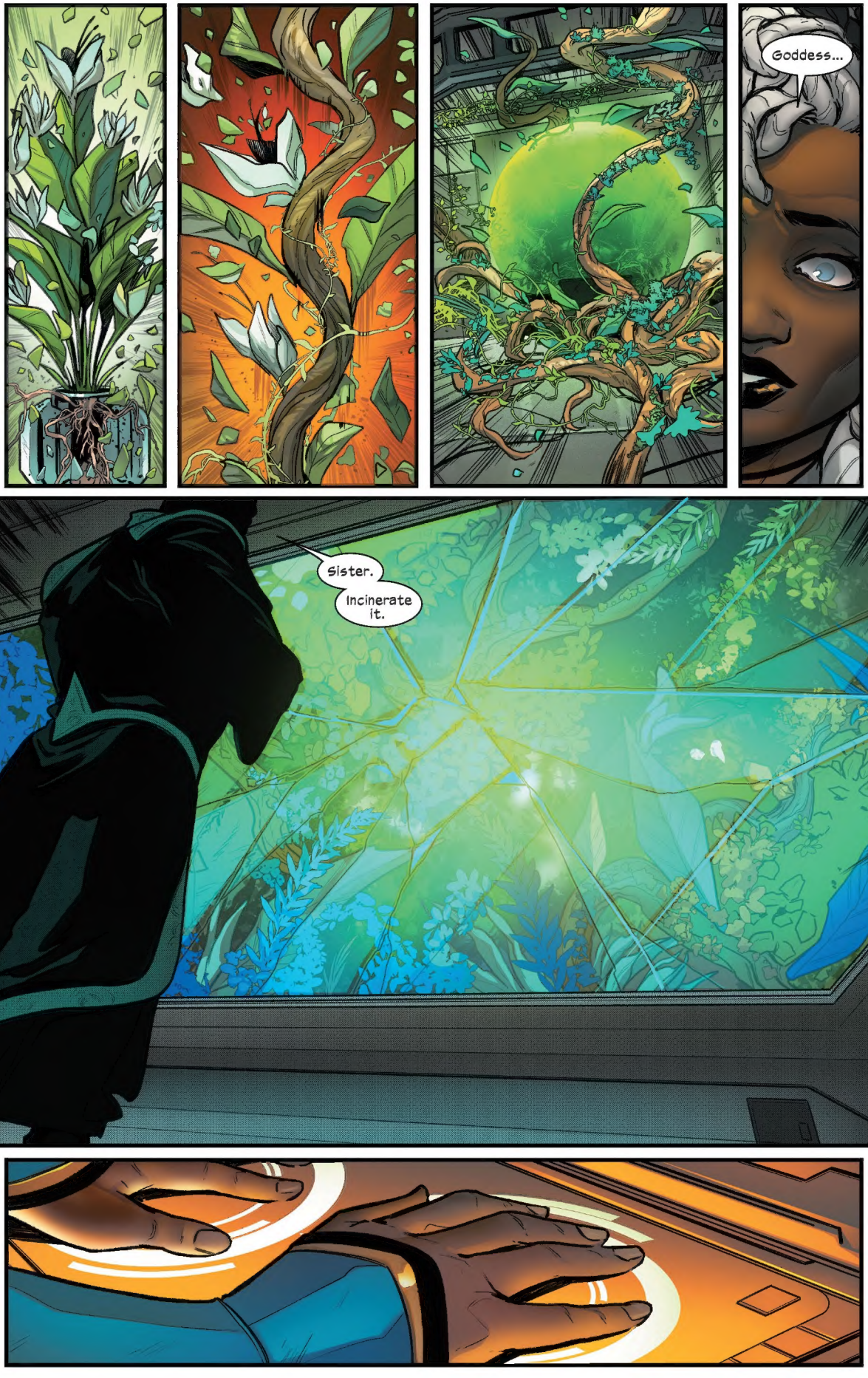

This is not vibranium.
Its composition is unlike anything we've seen.
You said there could be more of this.
Yes.
This is what Ra and Khonshu want.
What is the nature of its power?
Shuri and I analyzed it. And by analyze it, I mean we have studied it, and what it is...is unknown.
But I have a theory.
Ororo. We'll need a bit of your ability, please. Can you charge the vibranium rod?

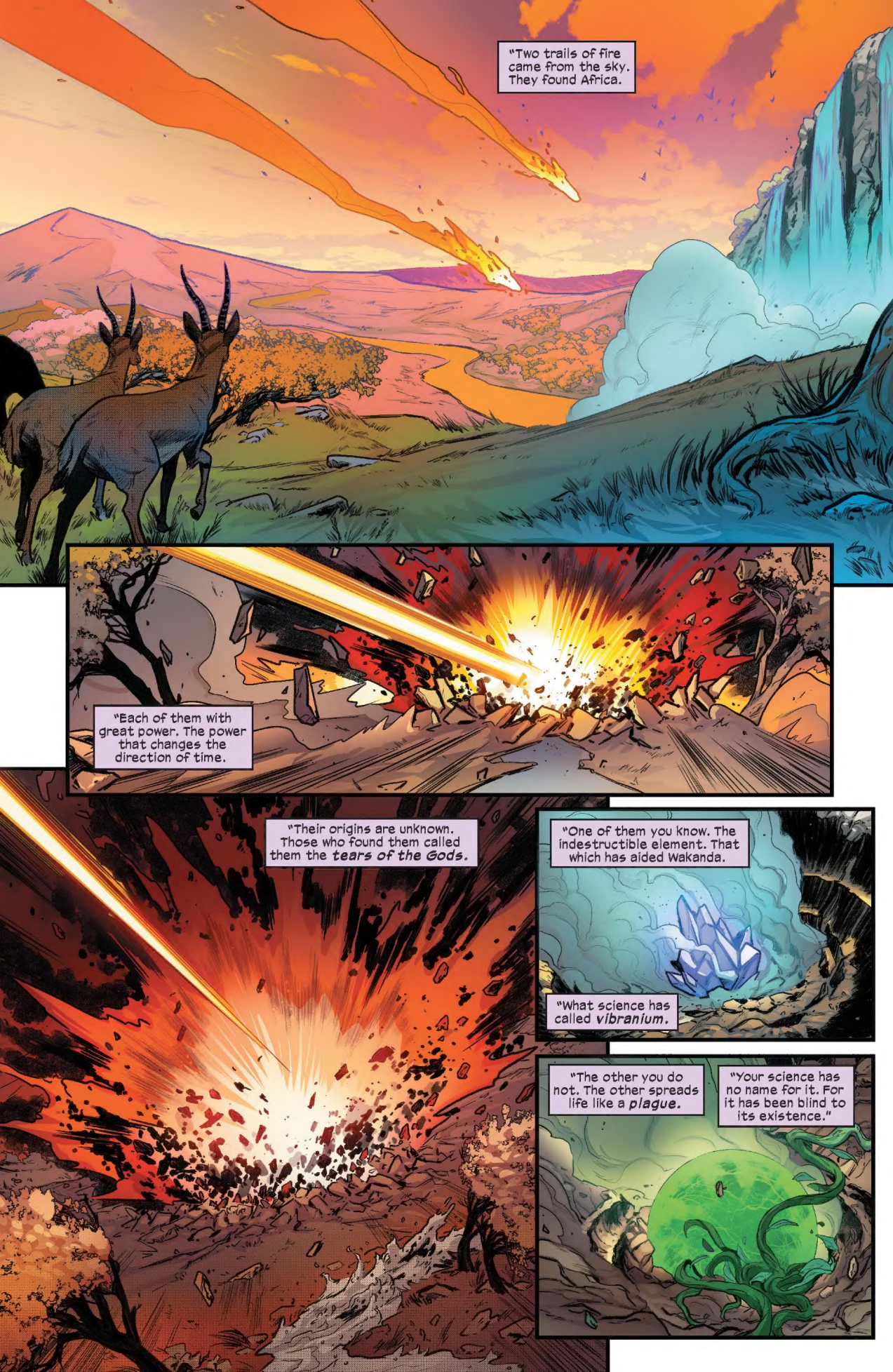
This may be loud.
KRAAAK--
KRAKOOM
I do not know what it is--
--but I have a theory about what it does.


Goddess...
Sister.
Incinerate it.

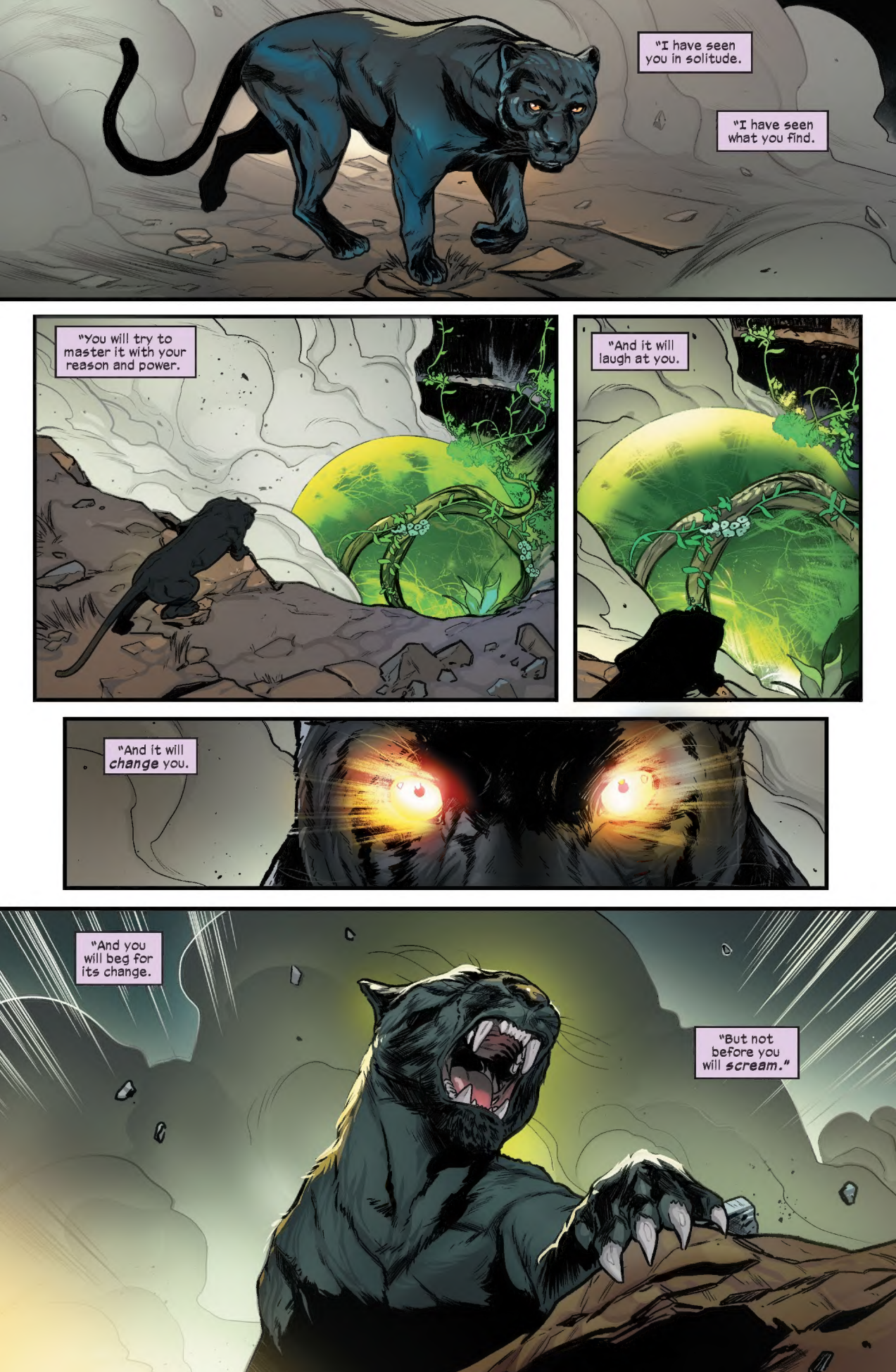
FWOOOSH
In isolation, this new element is...for lack of a better term... dormant.
But in combination with the presence of *vibranium* and a release of *kinetic energy*...
...I suspect this material creates *accelerated biological development*.
I suspect it also affects non-biological material.
Its properties are... alchemical.
I do not understand.
This material enhances life.
You found it in a temple because that culture worshipped it.
They worshipped it because to them, it had the power of God.
Tell no one of this.
Ra and Khonshu have been silent. Shuri. We need to find them.
I need to see the Vodu-Khan.

Temple of the Vodu-Khan.
I do not need parables, Matron Imala.
Or prophecies.
Wakanda needs the truth.
My father was patient with your secrets and traditions.
Your father respected the Vodu-Khan.
And now he is dead.
I have learned to assume the Vodu-Khan know far more than they speak.
You know what I have found.
And I believe you know what it does.
Now, tell me what it is.

Knowledge?
You want certainty. I cannot give that to you.
I can give you... *possibility*.
Give me *truth*, Matron Imala.
Not parables. Not mysteries.
There is *fear* in your voice, my king.
You should measure it. And master it.
The...truth is, you have the throne in an era of *great change*. For Wakanda. For Africa.
For the world.
I will tell you what the Vodu-Khan believes. You can decide if I am being honest.


"Two trails of fire came from the sky. They found Africa.
"Each of them with great power. The power that changes the direction of time.
"Their origins are unknown. Those who found them called them the *tears of the Gods.*
"One of them you know. The indestructible element. That which has aided Wakanda.
"What science has called *vibranium.*
"The other you do not. The other spreads life like a *plague.*
"Your science has no name for it. For it has been blind to its existence."

Everything in the universe has its opposite, T'Challa. Light and dark. Death and life.
Did you believe vibranium could not?
So this... material. It is like vibranium.
It is the opposite of vibranium. But no less powerful.
Vibranium makes our weapons. Our shields. Our machines. It is the God of *Material*.
Think of its opposite as the God of *Flesh*. It can accelerate life. From it, whole kingdoms can be born.
This is what Ra and Khonshu want. They want its power. To form a new kingdom.
Wakanda will have its opposite too. Such is the way of things.
I have seen what is to come.


"I have seen you in solitude.
"I have seen what you find.
"You will try to master it with your reason and power.
"And it will laugh at you.
"And it will *change* you.
"And you will beg for its change.
"But not before you will *scream.*"

I will not beg.
Or scream.
All things scream when they are born.
And all things are born afraid.
Born.
Reborn.
But first, you must prepare for war. Not like before.
Like nothing your father, or your grandfather, ever knew.
I know you do not trust the Vodu-Khan. Our ways of seeing. The secrets you believe we hold.
But we trust you. To lead us. To protect Wakanda.
You must not let Ra and Khonshu claim this power.
Sacrifice anything you must.
Wakanda, and all those who believe in it, are in your hands, my king.
Be swift and certain, my king.
For now your enemies travel fast.

The Lower Kingdom.
You are a farmer, I hear.
And a father, I hear.
Speak.
...Yes...
The world needs more farmers. Men who serve the land.
Don't be afraid. Khonshu will not harm you.
You destroyed my village. One of my sons is dead. By the hands of your men.
Then I owe you life. And a home.
And I repay my debts.

They told me you have seen the Black Panther. That you have *faith* in him.
That when my men came for your village, you cried out for him.
He will stop you. He will *punish* you.
You speak of him like he is a God.
When a God stands before you now.
And God wants something from you, Farmer.
God will give you purpose.
God will give you *power*.
AAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHH!

Molecular analysis complete.
Core properties unknown.
What are you?
Whoa!
Serve your God... Farmer...

Unh!

Gnghnnn...
Who...? How did you...?
I will... serve... him...
For Khonshu!

For Wakanda!
AAAAGH!
Urk!

THUM
THUM
THUM
Yes...Lord... I hear your will...
HRRK!

AAAAAH!
RRRRRR
KKRR RSSSHHH
AAARRGH!
ZZZT

Close your eyes, Shuri.
Enough of you, madman.
...Deliver me...
...Khonshu...
KRAKOOM
He's gone-- but not by my hand.
Shuri, what is happening here?
I...don't know...

You have served your God well, Farmer.
Be with your son.
I told you. Wakanda would do our work for us.
And look what they have found.
Brother Ra. It's been a long evening. I need rest.
For tomorrow, we will build a kingdom.
TO BE CONTINUED...